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Mr. Jason Epstein  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Epstein:

I am glad to hear of your interest in my book, "The Art of Coercion." I am rather heavily engaged at the moment and it is hard to say when, within the next few months, any more of the lectures will be in a form suitable for distribution.

Although I had not meant to seek publication until I had the entire manuscript in a final form, the first lecture has been seen by several publishers at their request, and as a result I have received several contract offers. I have not made any commitment (mainly because I have been travelling too much of the time lately to give the matter full attention) and, of course, I am pleased to hear that you found the first chapter promising. I will be happy to send you the remaining lectures as they are finished, if I have not by then accepted any other commitment. I am hoping to have time to finish the work within the next three or four months.

Sincerely yours,

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